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SOUTHERN STAR

Nanjangud COVID Mystery

DEEPENS

- 10 teams of Health officials, Police scout to identify the source of virus
- Mosambayanahalli village in Varuna sealed following one positive case

Mysuru, Apr. 19- How did the person from Nanjangud-based Jubilant Life Sciences (Jubilant Generics), now identified as Patient 52 (P52), contract the killer Coronavirus or COVID-19?

If the virus has not come from the China container that was imported by Jubilant (as certified by Pune-based National Institute of Virology), how did P52 come in contact with the virus?

Did P52's employer come into contact with a Chinese person and is he the primary carrier for the virus? Who then is Patient Zero? Who are his/her contacts?

Though the Mysuru District Administration is breaking its head on the above questions, the answer seems elusive. In its efforts to trace the origin of the virus and its first contact in Mysuru, the District Administration has formed several teams comprising Police and Health Department officials who are still on the job but has seen little success.

Police and Health Department sources told *Star of Mysore* that over 10 teams are involved in tracing the Patient Zero and his contacts. Over 80 to 90 persons, P52's friends and relatives have been probed and their Call Detail Records (CDR) have been scanned so far but there has been no results. The discovery that P52 has not travelled to China (as presumed earlier) and the revelation that P52 does not even have a passport has complicated things further.

Mosambayanahalli sealed

Added to the mess is the Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI) case (P-369) from Mosambayanahalli village of Mysuru taluk who has tested positive for COVID-19 yesterday. The Police have sealed down Mosambayanahalli in Varuna Assembly Constituency and sources said that efforts were on to trace and quarantine the contacts of P-369.

No passport, no China travel

Meanwhile, *Star of Mysore* contacted P52 over phone this morning where he said that he does not know from where he contacted the virus. "I have already given my statements to the Police and District Administration. Doctors have advised me to take complete bed rest as I am in quarantine. I have nothing to say and my company will clarify," he said.

When probed further, P52, who has been kept under quarantine at a facility in Mysuru, said that he does not have a passport so the question of him travelling to China does not arise. His work is in the documentation section and he does not have any exposure to consignments imported from China, he said before disconnecting the *SOM* phone call.

Blamed for no fault

P52, however, in an interview with an online news portal and a television channel, had stated that he has been branded as the one responsible for the spread of the virus in the company and victimised. The stigma he has suffered has been too much to handle, he said.

"I go to work every day in the office pick-up vehicle. I have never gone abroad. I do not drink or smoke or go to parties. I have a three-year-old son and a wife for whom I come back home. If I knew how I got it, I would have told the officials what I knew. I have no reason to lie," P52 told the news portal.

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Lockdown relaxation in Mysuru

Authorities await Govt. guidelines

Mysuru, Apr.19- With the State Government yesterday (Apr. 18) making a U-turn just hours after announcing certain relaxations regarding COVID-19 lockdown from Apr. 20, the Mysuru District Administration is awaiting clarity from the Government regarding the guidelines.

Mysuru has been declared as Red Zoneand if at all the lockdown rules have to be relaxed from Apr.20, it has to be done as per the Centre's guidelines.

Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who had announced relaxation of lockdown regulations in the State capital Bengaluru and non-hotspot districts from Apr. 20 on Saturday afternoon, withdrew the relaxation order within hours, following public outrage and stiff opposition from most quarters, even as COVID-19 positive cases continued to rise.

Subsequent to the Government's U-turn on lockdown regulations relaxation, the District Administration is said to be in anticipation of updated guidelines by this evening, with the district being declared as Red Zone, it is reliably learnt.

However, according to some other sources, there will be no relaxation in lockdown regulations in Mysuru, as the district continues to reel under rising number of Coronavirus cases.

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CALL OF DUTY

Malavalli Dy.SP puts off her wedding

Mandya, Apr. 19- At a time when VVIPs and people who once held high offices openly violate lockdown norms by holding large-scale weddings, here is a lady Police officer who, bound by the call of duty during the unprecedented time of nationwide lockdown due to Coronavirus, has postponed her marriage.The Police officer can be a model for the high and mighty who care two hoots for rules and regulations.

M.J. Pruthvi, Deputy Superintendent of Police, posted at Malavalli in Mandya district, was supposed to get married to Dyamappa Airani, an Indian Revenue Service officer, on May 5 at Dharwad and she had applied to go on leave during March end.

Dy.SP M.J. Pruthvi

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The man behind walk-in kiosks and disinfectant tunnels

By M.B. Pavan Murthy

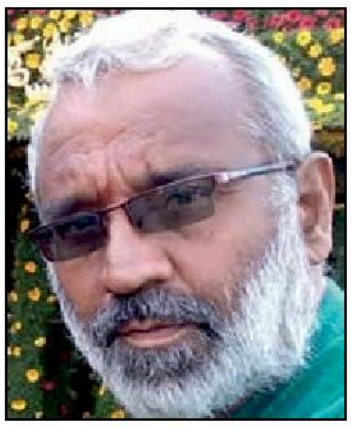
Mysuru, Apr. 19- The designated COVID-19 Hospital (District Hospital, Mysore) on KRS Road has set up low-cost walk-in kiosks at its premises for safe collection of swabs of symptomatic people by the medical staff without direct exposure and contact with patients.

The man behind these walk-in kiosks, known as Swab Testing Cubicles is Ramesh Kikkeri, a resident of Bogadi in city. A post-Graduate in healthcare management and environment management, Ramesh Kikkeri is serving as the Disaster Management Advisor since many years.

Following COVID-19 pandemic, he has voluntarily joined hands with the District Administration and is also serving in the COVID Care Committee.

A team led by Ramesh has installed three Swab Testing Cubicles at the COVID-19 Hospital and has also readied two more STCs which are waiting to be transported to the Mandya District Hospital. Also, Ramesh and team have also installed disinfectant tunnels, which are being used at various places in city.

Shaped like an old telephone booth that is closed from four sides, one side of the Swab Testing Cubicle is made of glass with two openings where detachable and disposable rubber gloves are fixed. The gloves are fixed for the medical staff to insert hands and collect swab



Ramesh Kikkeri

samples from symptomatic patients. Also, the medical staff can collect swabs from inside the Swab Testing Cubicles without wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

While one Swab Testing Cubicles at the COVID Hospital is made using steel frames, the other two is made with aluminium. The cost of each Swab Testing Cubicle is Rs. 20,000 and as they are light in weight, it could be carried from one place to another.

Disinfectant Tunnels

To destroy the virus, Sodium Hypochlorite solution is sprayed in the disinfectant tunnels, which have been installed at various places in city and Ramesh has played a major role in readying these disinfectant tunnels and installing them.

While two disinfectant tunnels are installed in K.R. Hospital premises, temporary vegetable markets on M.G. Road and at Alanahalli has one tunnel each, one tunnel each in Central Prisons, Devaraja Market, RMC Market, APMC Yard in Nanjangud and Star of Mysore Office, three tunnels each in Mysuru APMC Yard and L&T company. Ramesh has also given suggestions in the making of Sanitiser Bus by the KSRTC.

Also, the team led by Ramesh has installed the tunnels (one each) at the RMC Market on Sayyaji Rao Road, Central Prison, near Devaraja Market on Dhanvantri Road and at the Nanjangud APMC Yard. While the cost of most of these disinfectant tunnels has been taken care of by the district administration, some have been sponsored by a few organisations and corporate companies.

No harm in sodium hypochlorite disinfection

"There are rumours doing rounds that spraying sodium hypochlorite solution is harmful. This is false. A few mischief-mongers are spreading such fake messages. As per the recommendation of World Health Organisation (WHO), one kilogram of Sodium Hypochlorite is mixed with 100 litres of water to make a solution, which is being sprayed in the disinfectant tunnels," Ramesh said.

"Public need not panic while using the disinfectant tunnels. There may be itching sensation for a few persons which is not dangerous. At present, no other chemical apart from sodium hypochlorite has been considered as anti-viral. Until a suitable chemical is made available, Sodium Hypochlorite has to be used," he added.

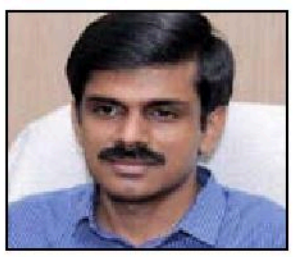
Ramesh said that they have so far installed 15 disinfectant tunnels and added that there are demands from private companies to install the tunnels in their premises. He said that each tunnel would cost within Rs. 40,000.

Ramesh Kikkeri can be contacted on Mob: 96205-43516.

Four new cases in Mysuru; two from Jubilant, two Delhi returnees

Mysuru, Apr. 19- Mysuru registered four new COVID positive cases this morning taking the total to 84. Among the four cases, two cases are employees of Nanjangud-based Jubilant Generics and two others had a travel history to New Delhi. In Mysuru, the active cases are 62

P-385, a 46-year-old male, who had a travel history to New Delhi to attend a religious event, P-386, a 20-year-old male who also had a Delhi travel history, P-387, a 39-year-old male who is a secondary contact of P52 (Jubilant Generics) and P-388, a 23-year-old female who is a contact of P-319 again Jubilant have tested positive.



Abhiram G. Sankar

In a media communication, Mysuru DC Abhiram G. Sankar has stated that two positives are Delhi returnees while 8 out of 10 Delhi returnees had tested positive earlier. "These 2 people are the remaining, who were in quarantine facility, and now they have turned positive," the DC said.

With the latest tally, the total number of positive cases in Karnataka has touched 388 with 14 deaths and 105 discharges.

Ration kits distributed to porters and house-keeping staff at City Railway Station

Mysuru, Apr. 19- South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, in collaboration with South Indian Bank, Mysuru, distributed about 80 ration kits to the licensed luggage porters and contractual house-keeping staff at Mysuru Railway Station on Apr.17 as they have been deprived of their livelihood on account of nationwide lockdown and complete suspension of passenger-carrying trains.

On two previous occasions, the SWR Officers' Association, Mysuru Division, as goodwill and humanitarian gesture, had lent a helping hand by distributing more than 100 grocery kits to licensed luggage porters working in city Railway Station to tide over the difficult situation.

Aparna Garg, Divisional Railway Manager, SWR, Mysuru Division, has in a press release thanked South Indian Bank for their generous gesture in providing some relief to the needy affected by Coronavirus pandemic.

As the lockdown has been further extended up to May 3, she called upon NGOs and other social welfare groups to come forward and generously help them to sail through hard times.

VOICE OF THE READER

Payment of Property Tax: Suggestion to MCC

Sir,

These are difficult times and we need to see that our Governments are able to fulfil its duties towards its citizens.

At the same time we also have a duty to facilitate the Government to do so. This requires the Government to have money with it. That means collection of taxes.

As a step forward I suggest that all citizens of Mysuru can be given a bank account number of the MCC Commissioner wherein all property owners can pay the tax online from the comfort of their homes and the Government gets its taxes.

The amount can be paid just as last year's and later, adjustments can be made if required.

This step is what is called for at the moment. It will ensure no unnecessary movement by the citizens and the Government gets its revenue. Hope, this suggestion will be considered.

— Gp. Captain Ajay Dudeja (Retd.)

Siddarthanagar
18.4.2020

Shift this huge dustbin in Jayanagar

Sir,

A huge dustbin is kept on the road behind 5th Main, 8th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru. There are many houses on this road and the bin is lying at the same place since a number of years.

When people come and dump all waste materials in the bin, it emanates foul smell and the residents are an inconvenienced lot in spite of the pourakarmikas clearing the same daily.

Our request to the MCC authorities concerned is to remove the bin from this place and shift it to some other spot so that it does not cause problems to the residents in view of the rapidly spreading Coronavirus pandemic. As we are apprehensive of the disease spreading among the residents of the area, we once again urge the concerned to take necessary action by shifting the dustbin and avoid future complications.

— R. Raghu

Jayanagar
10. 4.2020

Anubhavati's 'Golden Baskets' reach needy

Alumni group of St. Joseph's School provide food for daily wagers and sanitary workers

Mysuru, Apr. 19- While the 21-day lockdown to contain the community spread of the Coronavirus was announced, it had some repercussions. Doctors got busy, IT professionals got to Work-From-Home (WFH) amidst restless children as a result of schools shutting down, Entrepreneurs were taking a hit as business was slowing down and there were also daily wage and migrant workers who were at a loss at this sudden turn of events. While some were getting benefitted with the Government programmes, a few others who had no knowledge about the schemes or were not reached out to were struggling for food.

Amidst all this, the St. Joseph's School, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru, batch of 2000 had a virtual reunion on WhatsApp. Thanks to the power of the internet, almost 200 students from that batch got reconnected during the lockdown period. After the initial excitement of meeting with long lost friends, catching up on family, career and work updates discussions, the batch realised that they have a very diverse skillset ranging from IT, Marketing, Legal, Police, Doctors, CAs, Teachers, Home-makers to Entrepreneurs.

Discussions soon diverted into what they can do to make this group productive and thus, 'Anubhavati' was formed. Leveraging every strength and skillset within the group, within two days a core team was formed, an initiative to provide food for the daily wage workers and sanitary workers was conceived, money pooled in and the project executed.

The group, along with some of their family and close friends' contributions, put together a grocery kit named 'Golden Basket' containing Rice, Ragi, Cooking oil, Wheat Flour, Toor Dal and Salt.

The group got to work quickly. Some who were already involved in several social initiatives helped identify the areas where the grocery supplies were most needed.

Some worked for necessary passes and approvals, some arranged the supplies and delivery, some provided for the safety gear and some went down to the areas to do the actual delivery to the people.

In all, 225 needy families were supported through this cause. It took 48 hours to take the idea from conception to reality and make the initiative successful.

This is proof that when people come together, they can make a huge impact to the society. Diversity was this group's biggest strength — it took a diverse set of ideas, capabilities, professional skills, contacts and people to execute this in no time. And the only connection this entire group had was that they had all passed out of the same school 20 years ago!

Shelter Camp turns into a self-employment training centre

Mysuru, Apr. 19- Those who have lost their jobs and shelters following the nation- wide lockdown have now been temporarily self-employed. People housed at shelter camps started by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) in city are now learning the skills needed to self-employ.

For the past four days, those housed at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry are making paper covers. There are currently 93 people at this camp and everyone, except the elderly, are making paper covers from 10 am to 1 pm every day. According to Credit-I, which is in charge of this shelter camp, 15-18 kg (over 1,000) paper covers are being prepared daily.

In association with Foward-K and Dhwani Foundation and under the guidance of MCC, various programmes are also organised at the shelter camp and people are encouraged to take up self-employment, said Credit-I Managing Trustee M.P. Harsha.

Bhanuprabha, a lawyer who visited the Choultry on Saturday, bought 5 kg paper covers at Rs.30 per kg. She also enquired about the well-being of those housed at the shelter camp and appreciated them for taking up the work of making paper covers.

"Those housed at these shelter camps will not be able to find work as soon as the lockdown is lifted. Hence, they have been trained in paper cover making to earn a modest income," said Varsha adding that in the present situation, there is an increased demand for paper covers as provision stores, fruit and vegetable shops are open.

Penor Rinpoche Charity

Foundation donates Rs.10 lakh towards PM CARES Fund

Mysuru, Apr. 19- The Chief of Namdroling Monastery (the Golden Temple), Gyang-KhangTulku Rinpoche and MugsangKuchen Rinpoche, along with all the Monks and Nuns, contributed Rs. 10 lakh towards the PM CARES Fund under the aegis of Bylakuppe'sPenor Rinpoche Charity Foundation and the cheque was handed over to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, according to a press release from the Foundation Managing Trustee.

Earlier, the Foundation had donated Rs.10 lakh towards CM's Relief Fund too.

IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

COVID Symptoms and Humour

As the lockdown continues with the ever-increasing list of symptoms for COVID-19, most of us are sure to second guess and even panic at least once during the lockdown.

Initially, we were told to look out for chronic dry cough, followed by fever and then difficulty in breathing. Then suddenly diarrhoea was declared a symptom.

Just imagine if we ate some bad cooking and many of us these days are "enjoying" some very unpalatable cuisines as our spouses embark on a culinary adventure like never before, and have the runs, should one worry? Or just wait till the fever and suffocation catches up to see a doctor?

Then came the news that signs of "disorientation or exhaustion" could also be a symptom.

Banal conversations, anxious discussions about the economy, the tension of secretly applying hand sanitiser while you wait in line at a grocery store lest someone asks you *"Brother swalpa press madtheera"* or makes a sweet request of "Can I please have a small squeeze" could induce disorientation and exhaustion in anyone. No, not because you misinterpret their request for a blob of hand sanitiser, but because all the above forced interactions are tiring, exhausting and disorientating. So should one worry about these symptoms or just wait?

To add to our confusion, the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention stated, "Severe confusion or an inability to wake up or be alert can be warning signs."

But we are confused all the time these days. We aren't sure what day it is. We are conflicted about what to watch on Netflix. Adding to this confusion are high-decibel news anchors who leave us disoriented, unable to even recall when we bathed last. And no one is alert these days as most of us stare into our phones well into the wee hours of the morning. So should we worry?

Finally, to get out of this chaos we try to do yoga or follow home fitness videos. But exercising could induce aches and the World Health Organisation says that about 14 percent of COVID patients reported muscle aches! So should we worry?

Now all this confusion about symptoms could give anyone a headache. Oh! But then according to a study published in the prominent medical journal *"The Lancet",* about 8 percent of COVID-19 patients reported headaches. So now if we get a headache worrying about getting a headache we will not know whether it's just a regular headache or a COVID headache?

Urghh… by the end of this lockdown we may end up pulling our hair out in frustration. Ah! But let's look at the bright side, no more worrying about haircuts.

All this changing COVID symptoms reminds me of a joke.

A suspected COVID patient, a white male, about 55 years old in England was lying in a hospital bed wearing an oxygen mask over his face. A young female trainee nurse came by his bed to give him a partial sponge bath.

As she wiped his chest, he mumbled from behind the mask, "Nurse, nurse". She said, "Yes sir, how may I help you?" The patient asked, "Nurse, are my testicles black?"

The young trainee nurse was taken aback and embarrassed. But she replied, "I don't know sir, I'm only here to wash your upper body and feet." The patient again, struggling for breath asked, "Nurse, please…please tell me, are my testicles black?"

Aware of the many COVID symptoms popping up every day she thought this could be another new one, so she overcame her awkwardness and pulled back the blanket covering the man.

She then bent low to take a good look at his testicles. She then reported with a sigh of relief, "Oh! Good news sir. Your testicles are not black."

The man then with great effort pulled himself up, removed his mask, smiled and said "Sweetheart, thank you very much. That was wonderful. But listen very, very, closely this time…I just want to know… ARE – MY – TEST – RESULTS - BACK?"

As every other manifestation of a lifestyle choice seems like a symptom, guess laughter is the best medicine we have for now. A happy and a joyous disposition may give us the positive attitude that will keep us COVID negative.

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Believe It or Not! Incredible Mysuru Roads!!

Had you ever imagined that one day you will see your favourite and most-visited commercial hub in a form like this? You have seen these roads in the heart of the city during peak hours and also cursed yourself for not getting a place to park your vehicles even after a merry-go-round of the surrounding lanes and bylanes. Both Sayyaji Rao Road and D. Devaraja Urs Road witness heavy traffic on a daily basis and during vacations, there is utter chaos and traffic jam with commuters crisscrossing all the streets. But looking at these two arterial city roads these days during lockdown, wouldn't you pray that these roads stay clear with no traffic snarls throughout the year, like they are today? The countrywide lockdown has pushed us indoors and turned the roads literally empty. And lo! This is how the roads look during lockdown. *[Pics by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

Vijaya Vittala
donates Rs.20 lakh to COVID-19 Relief Funds

Mysuru, Apr. 19- Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions in Mysuru, which is run by Sri Pejawara Adhokshaja Mutt, Udupi, under the guidance of its President Pejawar Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji, has transferred Rs.10 lakh each to PM CARES Fund and Chief Minister Relief Fund towards the treatment of COVID-19 patients.

This amount includes two day salary of all the staff (teaching and non-teaching) of Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions, according to a press release from Institutions Hon. Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat.

Obituary

Devanira Iny Medappa

Mysuru, Apr. 19- Devanira Iny Medappa (Buttianda) passed away at her daughter's residence on Bannur Road here this evening. She was 99.

She leaves behind her son Prabhu, daughter Suchita, son-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites tomorrow at 10.30 am at the crematorium at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

Puttalakshmamma

Puttalakshmamma (85), wife of late H. Puttaswamy, passed away at her residence in Jayalakshmpuram, on Apr. 17. She leaves behind three daughters and son P. Nithyananda of Nithyananda Associates. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

Jain Yuva Sanghtan buys 8,500 kg of watermelons from Mandya farmers

Mysuru, Apr. 19- Sri Sthankvasi Jain Yuva Sanghtan, Mysuru, purchased 8,500 kg of watermelons from the farmers of Mandya under its Social Responsibility Initiative during COVID-19 war.

This stock of watermelon was unsold due to lockdown and thus, in order to help these farmers, Jain Yuvas purchased them.

About 5,000 kg of watermelons were fed to the cows sheltered at Mysore Pinjrapole Society, around 1,500 kg of watermelon was distributed in Jalapuri, 2,000 kg was distributed to the people housed at Nityotsava Choultry in Krishnamurthypuram, Guru Residency Choultry in Neeramballi and CITB Choultry in Siddartha Layout. Also, 10 litres of sanitiser and 50 (N95) masks were donated to JSS Hospital for the benefit of the Doctors, Nurses and the patients.

These service activities are rendered by Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Yuva Sanghatan President Rajan Baghmar, Vice- President Manohar Sankhla, Co-ordinator Navarathan Darla, Sunil Patva, Jambu Lodha, Goutham Gandhi, Deepak Bohra, Aravind Singhavi, Mahaveer Khabiya, Ramesh Kothari and other youths.

'Necessary facilities provided to Chamundi Hill GP Pourakarmikas'

Mysuru, Apr. 19- Chamundi Hill Gram Panchayat (GP) President Geetha has clarified that necessary facilities have been provided to the residents of Pourakarmika Colony at Chamundi Hill. The GP President also stated that steps have been taken to issue Below Poverty Line (BPL) Cards to the Pourakarmika families and added that groceries to 14 families of the Colony having BPL Cards were given by Sri Mahabaladri Multipurpose Co-operative Society.

Continuing, Geetha said that after evicting the shops near Mahishasura statue, residents of Pourakarmika Colony namely Gopamma, Vijayakumar, Mahesh and Manikyam, have been provided with alternate shops and distribution letters have been given to them.

"There are more Pourakarmikas than required and there has been a problem to pay their salaries. The Gram Panchayat is not getting revenue due to lockdown. As businesses have been stopped, taxes from shops and Property Tax have not been collected, which has resulted in non-payment of February and March salaries. But approval has been sought from higher officials to deposit salaries through EFMS," Geetha said and added that as there is Coronavirus scare, gloves, masks and soaps have been distributed to the workers.

Authorities await Government guidelines

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But there are chances that IT-BT companies in the city will be allowed to work in staggered shifts with only 33 percent of the total staff and all the staff are required to compulsorily wear face masks and maintain social distancing.

Also, the staff must carry their ID cards for travelling to the office for work.

The other regulations that are in place from Apr. 17 will continue with strict enforcement as usual and people will be allowed to travel in two-wheelers with only the rider from 6 am to 12 noon and thereafter only by walk till 6pm, with a distance limit of 2 km from their homes, for purchase of fruits and vegetables and other essential groceries and articles.

Malavalli Dy.SP puts off her wedding

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However, with the disease spreading from Mar. 15 she realised that any kind of gathering was not advisable.Further, lockdown was affecting the entire country."It was then we decided not to hold the marriage," Pruthvi said.

Pruthvi, native of Mysuru, was to marry Dyamappa at Sri B.D. Patil Convention Hall in groom's native place of Dharwad. They planned a wedding reception on May 4 at the same venue. The would-be couple had planned for another reception at Police Bhavan in Mysuru on May 10.Now the would-be couple has decided to postpone the marriage to a future date.

"Going by COVID-19 situation everywhere, and particularly going by seriousness of the situation at Malavalli, we thought that even if we go for a simple marriage we will have to aggregate at least 100 people, which is not safe. So we decided to postpone the wedding," she said.

Dy.SP Pruthvi with her fiancé, Dyamappa Airani

"We managed to convince our family members too. Once the lockdown is lifted, we will decide on the date of our wedding," she said. "We are required to be in the field. And, especially, in time like this, we have bigger responsibilities. We cannot afford to have the luxury of spending time with the family," she said, adding that it's been weeks since she visited her aged parents, who live in Mysuru

Interestingly, it is the first posting of Pruthvi after her completion of training in October 2019 at Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) in Mysuru under the guidance of Vipul Kumar IPS who is the Director of KPA and IGP Southern Range.

She is also the recipient of Best lady probationer in the outdoor category during the passing out parade at KPA in October 2019.Pruthvi, who has done her BE in Electronics and Electricals at GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women in Mysuru, was selected through KAS exams in 2017.

She was posted as Dy.SP Malavalli subdivision in Mandya district in the end of October 2019.

Her fiancé, Dyamappa Airani, is an IRS officer who is currently holding the position of Deputy Commissioner, Customs and GST Department, posted in Bengaluru. Commending Pruthvi's decision, Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarishsaid, "It is a matter of pride to have such a courageous, efficient, honest model woman officer who is serving as Dy.SP Malavalli subdivision in Mandya district. Salute to the proud Police officer"

Nanjangud COVID Mystery Deepens

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P52 said that he worked as an Assistant Officer in the documentation section of the Quality Assurance Department of Jubilant. His job involves only checking paperwork and all consignments are received by the store department.

Attended house-warming ceremony

He said that on Mar. 13 (Friday) he fell ill while he was working at his office and after coming home, he consulted his family physician who gave him some medicines. The next two days were Saturday and Sunday and on Mar. 16, he went back to work and returned home without any signs of fever. On Mar. 17, though he was unwell, he attended a friend's house-warming ceremony in Mysuru with four other colleagues.

On Mar. 19 he went again to the family physician who did a blood test and the next day he went to a hospital where his chest X-ray was taken and he was admitted to that hospital. On Mar. 22, another X-ray was done and the next day (Mar. 23), the doctors diagnosed the illness as pneumonia and took a swab sample. Later he was told that it could be COVID-19 and on Mar. 26, it was confirmed to him that he had COVID-19 and was taken to the designated COVID-19 ward at K.R. Hospital.

Under quarantine

P52 has been cured of the disease now and he has been advised to be under quarantine and observation. His 27-year-old wife and his father-in-law also tested positive. Now they too have been discharged after their test results proved negative. "I have read many news articles and have seen many TV shows that have blamed me for spreading the disease. I honestly don't know how I got it," he told the news portal.

COVID - 19 UPDATE

MYSURU

Persons observed till date	:	4,501
Persons who have completed 14 days' isolation	:	2,293
Persons isolated in home for 14 days	:	2,148
Persons isolated in hospital active cases	:	60
Total samples tested	:	2,261
Samples found negative	:	2,177
Samples found positive (cumulative)	:	84
Persons cured / discharged	:	24
Death toll so far in Mysore	:	0

MANDYA

Total positive cases in Mandya	:	12
Death toll so far in Mandya	:	0

KARNATAKA & INDIA

Total positive cases in Karnataka	:	388
Persons cured / discharged	:	105
Death toll so far in Karnataka	:	14
Total active cases in India	:	13,295
Persons cured / discharged	:	2,302
Death toll so far in India	:	519

(NOTE: FIGURES TILL 2 PM)

COVID-19 District Emergency Control Room

The Mysuru District Emergency Control Room for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is functional 24x7 and has a team of operators and medical professionals who are working in shifts. All related queries will be handled professionally and necessary guidance will be provided to all callers, according to Mysuru DC.

Mysuru Helpline numbers
1077 or 0821-2423800
Karnataka Helpline number: 104
Central Helpline number:
011-23978046
Email: ncov2019@gmail.com

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